

I've been listening to XM Satellite Radio for a year now, and I find it to be absolutely the best radio programming I've ever heard. FM had become so boring and repetitive, plus I'd lose the signal only a short drive outside of town. AM radio (my news and traffic source) wouldn't run its much-vaunted traffic news during their precious play-by-play sports broadcasts, much less provide enough detail during their short (maybe 1 minute) reports. With satellite radio, I can listen to high-quality programming anywhere I go, and get detailed local reports that aren't limited to what sports teams are playing. Considering that I choose to pay for this service, I deserve nothing less.

Terrestrial broadcasters should be spending their time and resources improving their programming, not using legislative fiat to eliminate the competition. I respectfully request that you turn down the National Association of Broadcasters' petition against providing local programming via satellite radio (petition 04-160). Instead, suggest they work on their own playlists instead of trying to dictate what satellite radio can play on theirs.